

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 70

By Walker

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Kenneth Ray and Martha Sue Broyles on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in honoring those successful marriages that have prevailed to serve as exemplary standards for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 1952, Kenneth and Martha Sue Broyles were joined in holy matrimony at the home of the bride's parents, and since that happy day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, depending upon their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, the young couple from White County seemed to have been destined for each other from the very beginning when Kenneth Ray spied a teenaged Martha Sue at the bus stop and declared his undying love for her upon first sight; and

WHEREAS, a courtship blossomed following their first date on the night of Martha Sue's high school graduation; less than two years later, the loving couple was honeymooning in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Mr. Broyles, valiantly served his country in the armed forces and saw combat in Korea; and

WHEREAS, during his duty abroad, Kenneth and Martha were able to speak with one another only twice by short-wave radio at the cost of \$75 per call; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Broyles retired from the Tennessee Farm Bureau in 1997, having served with acumen for thirty-eight years, thereby earning the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Broyles is deeply devoted to her family; as a wife, mother, and grandmother, she has made her home a haven of joy and beauty; and

WHEREAS, this couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced four wonderful children: Steven Broyles, Sherrie Beth McCulley, Susan Harris, and Bill Broyles; they are also blessed with the love of six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has endured the tests of time to serve as a testament to the power of love and family; together, this loving couple has enjoyed the fruits of their labors as they share a common love of travel and farming; and

WHEREAS, the Broyles' are the epitome of a good marriage, and they offer this advice for others who hope to achieve a similar bliss: "Love, trust, and share your lives together in a Christian home."; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as theirs represent the best of our society, as they remind us of the beauty and value of continuity and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Kenneth Ray and Martha Sue Broyles on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.